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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURY Production and Marketing Administration Washington 25, D. C.

RAISIN EXPORT PAYMENT PROGRAM TMX 950

BULLETIN NO. 1

OCTOBER 23, 1952



TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

Raisin Export Payment Program TMX 95a has been developed under authority of Sec. 32, Public Law 320, 74th Congress, as amended, to encourage the exportation of raisins produced and processed in the U.S. to approved countries of destination.

Your attention is directed to Section 518.403(a) of the terms and conditions of the program and particularly to that portion thereof which states that "No payment will be made hereunder unless the exporter has entered into a sales contract (as defined in Section 518.411(g)) on or after, but not prior to, the effective date of this program. . . " The effective date of the program was October 15, 1952.

The date to be entered in Item 11 of an Application for Program Participation (Form FV-361) must be the "date of sale" as defined in Section 518.411(h) of the program terms and conditions. In that section "date of sale" is defined as meaning". . . the date on which both buyer and seller signed a firm sales contract, or the date of written acceptance of either a written offer or counter offer to buy or sell by which a firm sales contract is effected."

In view of the foregoing, in order for an Application for Program Participation (Form FV-361) to be approved, the date shown in Item 11 therein must be October 15, 1952 or a subsequent date. If the application is approved it will, of course, be based upon the exporter's representation in Item 11 in respect to date of sale, and such representation will be verified at the time claim for export payment is made to the USDA from documents required to be submitted therewith.

A condition will apply to applications approved by this office by specifying thereon at time of approval the following: "Approval of this application is void if the sales contract referred to in Item 11 hereof replaces a sales contract entered into prior to October 15, 1952, which, by its terms, was not automatically terminated as a result of the announcement, the making effective, or the operation of the terms and conditions of Raisin Export Payment Program TMX 95a."

A separate application to participate in this program must be filed by an exporter for each export sales contract. Such applications must be filed with one of the listed Representatives of the Secretary within the time limits of the program. Applications will be considered for approval in the order in which they are received, or on such other basis as is determined to be equitable.

Each exporter is cautioned not to export until he receives written notification that his application to participate in the program with reference to a particular sale has been approved.

No application should be submitted to the Department, or commitment made, in anticipation of an export payment until the exporter has read and understands the terms and conditions of the Raisin Export Payment Program.

The terms and conditions of Raisin Export Payment Program TMX 95a differ in certain respects from the program in effect for the 1951-52 season (Dried Prune and Raisin Export Payment Program SMX 95b). Among others, the following changes should be carefully noted. (See the program terms and conditions for the exact language of these provisions.)

- (1) §\$ 518.403(b) and 518.404(d). The exporter shall file with each claim for payment the original or a certified true copy of a warranty obtained from the foreign buyer stating that no part of the purchase price for the raisins covered by the sales contract attached to the claim has been, or will be, paid from funds appropriated under Chapter XI, entitled "Mutual Security" of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1953. If the sales contract contains such a warranty, an additional warranty document is not required.
- (2) § 518.403(e). Export containers shall bear a lot number, code or other markings by which the applicable requirements of § 518.404(b) may be fulfilled. That is, the markings on containers shall be sufficient to relate the commodity loaded on board the export carrier to the commodity covered by the related inspection certificate.
- (3) § 518.403(f). An application will not be approved, nor will payment be made, if the total quantity covered by such application, and exported, is less than two-thousand (2,000) pounds net weight of raisins.
- (4) § 518.404(a)(2). The sales invoice to the buyer must show (i) the total sales price; (ii) the payment to be made by the Secretary; (iii) the price f.a.s. to be paid by the buyer.

(5) § 518.401. Changes have been made in eligible countries of destination under this program.

In order to expedite approval of applications and payment of claims under this program, it is requested that the following procedure be adhered to:

- (1) Prior to any application submitted by any exporter being approved by this office it will be necessary that there be received in this office an appropriate authorization evidencing that the person signing the application submitted by such exporter is authorized to do so, except in the following cases: (a) where signature is by the owner; (b) where signature is by a partner; (c) where signature is by an officer of a corporation other than its secretary; (d) where the corporate seal is affixed. In case of all such exceptions the title of the person signing must be specified.
- (2) If a sales contract, with respect to which this office has approved an application, is modified in any respect, or if any of the information contained in an approved application is found to be inaccurate, the exporter shall notify us promptly of such modification or correction.
 - (a) Such notification shall be in the form of a complete revised application, submitted in quadruplicate, reflecting all changes.
 - (b) Exporters are requested to show on the face of a revised application (but not in space reserved for USDA use only) that it is a revision, also noting on the application the applicable number assigned by the Department to the original approved application.
 - (c) When an original application has been approved which specified alternative varieties, alternative grades or types of package, alternative eligible countries of destination, or other alternatives; as soon as information is available as to the exact alternative employed in connection with the sale, a revised application should be submitted promptly to this office showing such information. The revised application should be submitted in the form outlined in points (a) and (b) above.
- (3) On any one voucher, (Form FDA 564), payment from USDA should not be claimed on raisins exported pursuant to more than one approved application. Where shipment in connection with a particular sales contract is extended over a period of time, the exporter may submit more than one claim on raisins exported which are covered by a single application.

(4) On Voucher Form FDA-564, in the space provided for "Contract Reference," the program symbol and number and the application number assigned by this offic are to be entered; also, in this same space should be included a statement specifying whether the voucher is a partial claim on the related application, or the final claim on such application. For example, following "Contract Reference" on the voucher, the insertion may read as follows:

TMX 95a (W-R-000) -- Final Claim, or

TMX 95a (W-R-000) -- Partial Claim,

"Partial Claim" to be used only where it is intended that an additional claim will be made in connection with the application specified. Where no additional claim is intended "Final Claim" should be specified.

(5) The voucher (Form FDA-564) must show the variety of raisins exported; also unit and number of units exported are to be shown in pounds.

Section 518.403(d) provides that the period from date of inspection to date of exportation (both dates inclusive) shall not exceed 21 calendar days. It is also provided that upon written request of the exporter stating substantial reasons therefor, the Secretary may, if he deems it desirable grant an extension of the time of such period. Exporters should make every effort to adhere to the 21-day period specified. Where this is not possible for reasons entirely beyond the control of the exporter, an extension of the period may be requested, such request to be submitted to this office prior to the date of export. However, it is intended that in connection with any such extensions granted the exporter will be required to have the fruit reinspected for condition by the inspection agency specified in Section 518.403(d) not earlier than 21 calendar days prior to the date of export, and will be required to submit with his claim for payment an inspection certificate, in duplicate, covering such reinspection showing that the fruit is in good condition.

In some instances the exporter's sales invoice may be to other than the buyer shown in the sales contract. If the person invoiced is other than the foreign buyer shown on the sales contract and approved application, the invoice must be accompanied, when submitted to USDA in support of claim for payment, by a statement from the exporter certifying that such invoice covers the shipment for which the claim for payment is being submitted and is for the account of such foreign buyer.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 518.403(e) that relate to markings, it will be necessary that the appropriate markings be on the containers at the time of inspection in order that such markings may be shown on the inspection certificate. In order that any lot inspected may be related to the export carrier bill of lading covering it, it will be necessary that the markings used on containers being exported pursuant to one individual export sale covered by an approved application not be duplicated identically on any other lot unless all lots having the identical markings are covered by one inspection certificate. Exporters should make certain that such markings are correctly shown on the bill of lading.

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> > RAISIN EXPORT PAYMENT PHOGRAM THE 95% BUILDIIN NO. 2 NOVEMBER 28, 1952

TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

The following self-explanatory press release was issued today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

"Raisin Export Program Revised:

"The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today the removal of Zante currants as an eligible varietal type of raisins under the 1952-53 raisin export payment program. The effective date for the amendment is November 29, 1952.

"The Department stated that this action is based on the present supply and demand prospects for Zante currents. The supply appears to be smaller than had been indicated by earlier estimates.

"The export payment program was put into effect October 15, 1952. Through November 21, 1952 applications to export Zante currents under the program were approved for 561 tons."

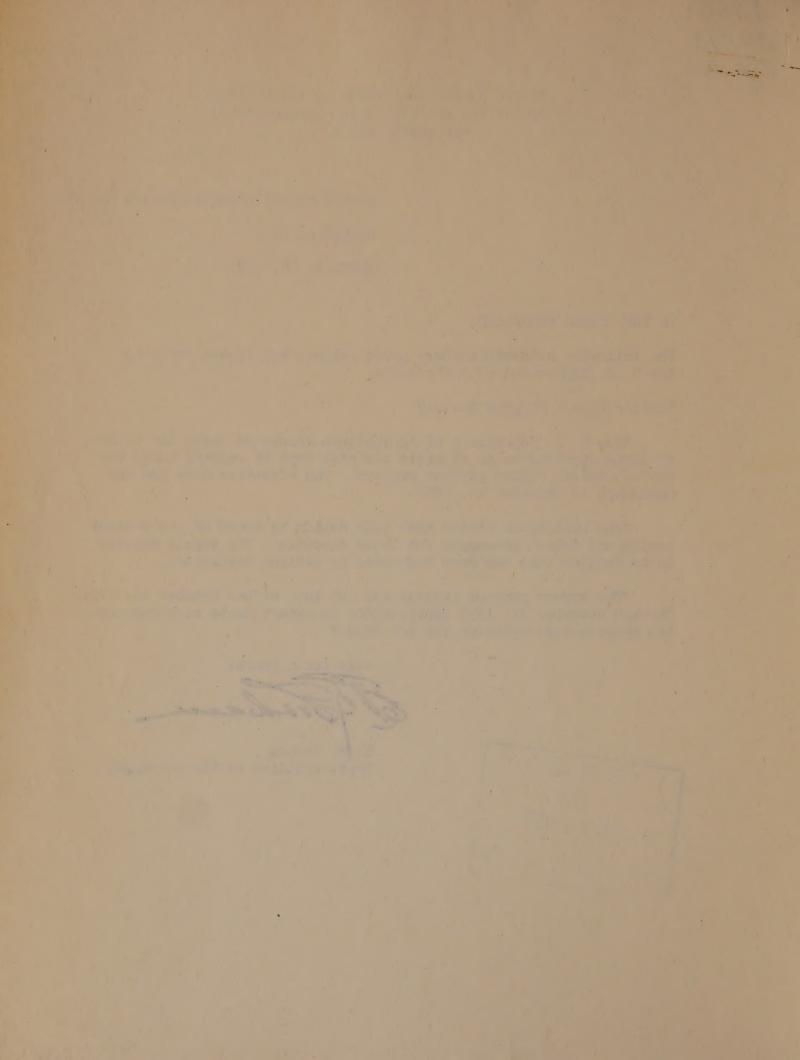
Very truly yours,

E. M. Graham

Representative of the Secretary

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> > RAISIN EXPONT PAYMENT PROGRAM THE 95a

BULLETIN NO. 3

December 15, 1952

TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

The following self-explanatory press release was issued today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

"Raisin Export Program Revised:

"The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today the removal of Golden Bleached Thompson Seedless raisins as an eligible type under the 1952-53 raisin export payment program. The effective date for the amendment is December 16, 1952.

"The Department stated that this action is based on the supply and demand situation for Goldens. The quantity of these raisins shipped to domestic and foreign markets during the current season has exceeded earlier expectation.

"The export payment program was put into effect October 15, 1952. Through December 12, 1952 applications to export Goldens under the program were approved for 12,123 tons."

Very truly yours,

E. M. Graham

Representative of the Secretary



